THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government has approved the Sub-Mission on Polytechnics under Coordinated Action for Skill Development in December, 2008 under which financial grant is provided for Modernization of Polytechnics during the Eleventh Plan. Till 7th December 2009, five polytechnics out of the 17 Polytechnic modernization projects of Madhya Pradesh have been sanctioned for release of funds.

Central grants for SSA

2554. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has substantially reduced Central share of grants under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme;

(b) whether Government is aware that States have to incur huge expenditure on salary of primary school teachers, construction of schools/classrooms, etc.; and

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to reverse its decision and to reintroduce the earlier Tenth Plan pattern of grants in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Framework for Implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme had provided a funding pattern of 50:50 during the 11th Plan period. However, taking into account the demand of State Governments for continuing with funding pattern of 10th Plan *i.e.* 75:25, the Central Government had reconsidered the matter and has notified the following revised funding pattern between Central Government and States for the 11th Plan:

(i) 65:35 - during 2007-08 & 2008-09

(ii) 60:40 -during 2009-10

(iii) 55:45 - during 2010-2011

(iv) 50:50 - during 2011-12 and thereafter

In respect of the North Eastern (ME) States, the sharing pattern is in the 90:10 ratio after taking into account the Central share sourced from the 10% earmarked funds for the NE States in the SSA's Central Budget. Under SSA States incur expenditure on all components including teacher salary and civil works as per the approved sharing pattern. There is no proposal to revise the sharing pattern of SSA.

Central University of Koraput

2555. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central University of Koraput, Orissa is functioning at Bhubaneswar instead of functioning and working at Koraput;